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Dear James Lowry

I refer to your letter of 1 March 2016 in which you requested the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

"...a copy of all advice and or recommendations provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade on West Papua or Western New Guinea during the period of 01 January 2001 to 29 February 2016."

On 11 March 2016 I wrote to you advising that our research has shown that as currently described, the scope of this part of your request encompasses a very large body of information, and asked you to consider more specifically the information sought. On 18 March 2016 and 24 March I sent further emails seeking your response. As of the date of this letter I have not received a response to my correspondence.

Given that your request encompasses a very large body of information, the Ministry would have a good basis for refusing the request under section 18(f) of the OIA: that the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. Having considered your request, our view is that information subject to your request of 1 March 2016 cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

Accordingly, I invite you again to consider more specifically the information that you seek so that we may consider further whether we are able to provide information in response to your request.

Yours sincerely

Joana Johnston
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade